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1. AS FOLLOWUP TO REFTEL A, POLITICAL COUNSELOR JULY 24
MADE INFORMAL PRESENTATION ON OUR PROPOSAL THAT A SMALL
SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT STAFF BE LOCATED IN THE
CONSULATE GENERAL IN RIO DE JANEIRO TO RONALDO MOTA
SARDENBERG, SPECIAL ADVISER FOR BILATERAL AFFAIRS TO
FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA, AND LEFT FOLLOWING INFORMAL
PAPER WITH SARDENBERG:

QUOTE: AT THE REQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL, THE
JOINT BRAZIL-UNITED STATES MILITARY COMMISSION (JBUSMC)
WILL TERMINATE ITS ACTIVITIES ON SEPTEMBER 19, 1978. THE
UNITED STATES SECTION OF JBUSMC, HEADQUARTERED IN RIO DE
JANEIRO, WILL TERMINATE ITS ACTIVITIES ON THAT DATE.
HOWEVER, THERE WILL STILL REMAIN AT THAT TIME, FOR
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DELIVERY TO THE BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES, MILITARY
EQUIPMENT VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY \$38 MILLION. OF
THIS AMOUNT, THE GREATER PORTION BY VALUE IS TO BE
DELIVERED TO THE BRAZILIAN NAVY. THE LARGEST NUMBER OF
SEPARATE PENDING ORDERS IS WITH THE BRAZILIAN AIR FORCE.
THE SMALLEST PORTION OF THE PENDING ORDERS PERTAIN TO THE
BRAZILIAN ARMY.

THESE DELIVERIES AND THEIR ACCEPTANCE BY THE APPROPRIATE BRAZILIAN ARMED SERVICES MUST BE VERIFIED. ANY CORRECTION OR OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO ASSURE THAT THE BRAZILIAN ARMED FORCES RECEIVE THE EQUIPMENT ORDERED MUST ALSO BE TAKEN.

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE BULK OF THIS EQUIPMENT WILL CONTINUE TO ARRIVE IN BRAZIL OVER APPROXIMATELY THE NEXT TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS. IT IS ALSO ESTIMATED THAT IT WILL REQUIRE A STAFF OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE OFFICERS AND ENLISTED PERSONNEL TO HANDLE THIS WORKLOAD.

ACCORDINGLY, THE EMBASSY PROPOSES TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES ASSIGN A SECURITY ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT STAFF OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE MILITARY PERSONNEL TO WORK UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE AMBASSADOR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THIS WORK IS COMPLETED. IT IS CONTEMPLATED THAT THE HIGHEST RANKING MEMBER OF THE STAFF WOULD BE A LIEUTENANT COLONEL (OR NAVY COMMANDER). THE STAFF WOULD BE LOCATED AT THE UNITED STATES CONSULATE GENERAL IN RIO DE JANEIRO BECAUSE ALMOST ALL OF THE EQUIPMENT WILL BE RECEIVED AT THE PORT OF RIO DE JANEIRO AND WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE DELIVERED TO THE APPROPRIATE BRAZILIAN CONSIGNEES. UNQUOTE

2. ON AUGUST 15, SILVEIRA HANDED FOLLOWING GOB RESPONSE
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TO AMBASSADOR, WHO HAD CALLED ON HIM ON ANOTHER MATTER. INFORMAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION -- QUOTE: IN REPLY, THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT AGREES TO THE PROPOSAL MADE BY THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WITH THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTANDING:

A. THE NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT MAY ASSIGN TO THIS STAFF A LIEUTENANT COLONEL AND A COMMANDER WHO ARE NOW SERVING IN THE U.S. DELEGATION OF THE JOINT BRAZIL-U.S. MILITARY COMMISSION (JBUSMC) IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN IN BRAZIL FOR THE PAST TEN MONTHS AND THEIR TOUR NORMALLY WOULD LAST FOR TWO MORE YEARS, WHICH (PERIOD) WOULD COINCIDE WITH THE TIME CONSIDERED NECESSARY TO COMPLETE DELIVERY OF THE PROGRAMMED MATERIAL;

B. THE MILITARY MEMBERS OF THE STAFF ARE ENTITLED TO THE SAME PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES GIVEN TO OTHER NORTH AMERICAN EMPLOYEES OF THE SAME RANK;

C. THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT IS ESTABLISHED ON A NON-PERMANENT BASIS AND MUST NOT BE INTERPRETED IN ANY MANNER AS A CONTINUATION OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE

JOINT BRAZIL-UNITED STATES MILITARY COMMISSION
(JBUSMC).

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT AND DOD TAKE
NECESSARY ACTION TO IMPLEMENT UNDERSTANDING WITH
BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT ON ASSIGNMENT OF SECURITY
ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT STAFF OF FIVE OFFICERS AND
ENLISTED PERSONNEL TO THIS EMBASSY WITH PERSONNEL TO
BE PHYSICALLY LOCATED AT CONSULATE GENERAL AT RIO DE
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